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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS ON BASES AND EMBARGO

1. MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES AUGUST 17 LED WITH ECEVIT'S
PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS (SEPTTEL) WITH PRO-RPP "MILLIYET" AND
LEFTIST "CUMHURIYET" HEADLINING PRIME MINISTER'S COMMENT
THAT ALLIES WILL BE JUDGED BY THEIR RESPONSE TO TURKISH
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ECONOMIC SITUATION. MOST PAPERS ALSO NOTE WHAT IS
TERMED A FAVORABLE GREEK REACTION TO CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
ACTION WITH SMALL AND, BUT CONSERVATIVE "SON HAVADIS"
EXPRESSING GENERAL ATTITUDE BY ITS FRONT PAGE REMARK THAT
SINCE ATHENS IS PLEASED WITH DECISION, IT MUST BE ANTI-
TURKISH.

2. INDEPENDENT "HURRIYET" HEADLINES CLAIM TURKISH PARLIAMENT WILL DISCUSS ANY DEFENSE AGREEMENT AND NOTE THAT GOT NOW FINDS 4-YEAR ONE BILLION DOLLAR AID LEVEL IN FORMER AGREEMENT TO BE INSUFFICIENT. "CUMHURİYET" FRONT PAGE CONTAINS QUOTES FROM TURKISH LABOR PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY BEHİCE BORAN TO EFFECT THAT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE DECISION CONTINUES U.S. HEGEMONY OVER EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, AND SOCIALISTS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY MEHMET ALİ AYBAR THAT NOW IS TIME TO "DISMANTLE U.S. BASES AND EXPEL CIA".

3. "MİLLİYET" "MİLLİYET" COLUMNIST SAMİ KOHEN COMMENTS THAT MORE MODERATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE DECISION HAD BEEN EXPECTED AND THAT PRESENT TEXT MAY WELL CREATE PROBLEMS IN FUTURE, DEPENDING ON HOW IT IS INTERPRETED. ON SAME PAPER THE INFLUENTIAL ABDİ İPEKÇİ COMPARES TURKEY'S CURRENT ECONOMIC POSITION TO THAT OF PORTUGAL AND URGES SIMILAR INTERNATIONAL RESCUE EFFORT; OTHERWISE TURKEY MAY BE FORCED TO REEVALUATE ITS POLICY TOWARDS WEST. IN OPPOSITION "TERCÜMAN" NAZLI İLİCAK DEVOTES HER COLUMN TO POINTING OUT THAT "CONDITIONAL" LIFTING OF EMBARGO AND RECENT CRITICAL TASS STATEMENT ON SUBJECT, AS WELL AS GOT'S PROBLEMS AT NONALIGNED BELGRADE MEETING, ILLUSTRATE FAILURE OF ECEVİT'S FOREIGN POLICY AND TURKEY'S CURRENT ISOLATION. DILLON

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